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RECORD OF DISCUSSIONONTHE INSTALLATION OF EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT IN CIVIL AIRCRAFTEXPORTED TO THE SOVIET BLOCMay 4th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM 3493.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the record of statement by the German Delegate concerning the installation of embargoed equipment in civil aircraft exported to the Soviet Bloc. He invited Delegates give the views of their authorities.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that his authorities agreed with the opinion of the German authorities that the installation of equipment covered by Items 1485 and 1501 in aircraft exported to the Soviet Bloc should be prohibited unless it came under the exceptions to Items 1485(d) and (e) or 1501(a) and (b)(2). With reference to the exceptions permitted in the definition of Item 1501, the United States assumed that the German authorities interpreted this point strictly and installed such equipment only in aircraft used on flights to Free World destinations.

3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that the German proposal followed closely the opinion of his own authorities. They could accept the German proposal and suggested that the penultimate paragraph of COCOM 3493 should be changed to read as follows:

" ... unless it comes under the exceptions of Item 1485(d) or (e) or Item 1501(a)(1), (2), (5) or (6) or (b)(2)."

The Delegate pointed out that this proposal omitted sub-items (3) and (4) of Item 1501(a). At the time of the 1958 list review it had been considered that these two sub-items referred to know-how which was not known to the Bloc but it was now thought that there was no useful purpose in maintaining them as exceptions because the know-how they contained was compromised when 3 Convair aircraft were sold to Poland in 1957.

4. The FRENCH and ITALIAN Delegates were without instructions on the German proposal. There were no objections to it from the other Members of the Committee.

5. The GERMAN Delegate thanked the Members of the Committee for the views which had been given and confirmed that the interpretation by the German authorities of the exceptions covered by Item 1501 was strictly in the sense mentioned by the United States Delegate.

6. The JAPANESE Delegate stated that the United Kingdom proposal seemed reasonable and accepted it ad referendum.

7. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the final views of the French and Italian authorities on the German proposal and the views of all Members of the Committee on the United Kingdom proposal on May 25th.

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